

REMARKS

The Examiner has required that Applicant designate one of the species that belong to the six identified set of species as set forth in the Office Action, and then elect to prosecute one of the six sets of species. Currently, claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Claims 2, 6, 13, 26 and 31-32 have been withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction and elects Species I as identified below for prosecution. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 27 are generic and Species II-VI comprise variations that stem from the generic Claims 1 and 27. Applicant further submits that Claims 1, 3-5, 7-12, 14-16, 17-25, and 27-30 are covered by Species I.

Breakdown of Species

The Examiner has divided the pending species into five groups:

- Species I (figures 1A-1E) drawn to Embodiment 1;
- Species II (figures 2A-2F) drawn to Embodiment 2;
- Species III (figures 3A-3E) drawn to Embodiment 3;
- Species IV (figure 4) drawn to Embodiment 4;
- Species V (figure 5) drawn to Embodiment 5; and
- Species VI (figure 6) drawn to Embodiment 6.

Applicant elects Species I.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact Mimi Diemmy Dao at (408) 720-8300.

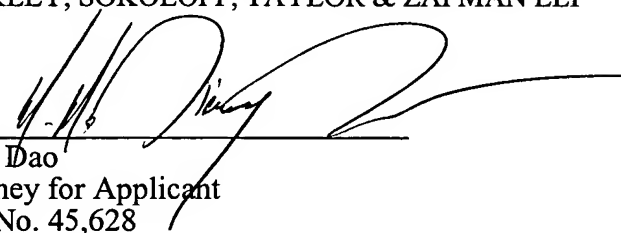
Deposit Account Authorization

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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